Bill for old parents

68. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to introduce a Bill to safeguard interests of the old parents; and

(b) if so, the manner in which old parents would be provided with the amenities of life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is proposing to formulate a Model Legislation for promoting the maintenance, care and protection of older persons after due consultation with the State Governments.

(b) The proposed Bill will address *inter alia* issues concerning care including financial, housing, clothing and companionship requirements from families and/or the State Governments in case of older persons living below the poverty line, protection of their life and property.

Exclusion of creamy layer form reservation benefits

69. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of avowed policy and commitment to build an equitable, human caring and just-India, Government have considered the necessity of exclusion of the "creamy layer" from the benefits of reservation policy;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to enforce the "creamy layer" clause under the policy of social justice; and

(c) the percentage of the "Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes that have been excluded from the benefit of Social Justice Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The concept of Creamy layer was introduced after the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Indira Sawhney and others *vs.* Union